THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) and (b) National Commission on Macro Economics and Health has submitted its draft report for the consideration of Co-Chairpersons of the Commission, namely Union Finance Minister and Union Health and Family Welfare Minister. The report is still to be finalized.

Registration of private hospitals and diagnostic centres

2113. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have asked the private hospitals and diagnostic centres in the country to register with the designated authorities with a view to ensuring uniformity in healthcare services; and

(b) if so, the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) and (b) Health being a State subject under the Constitution of India, it is for the State Governments to make regulations for the registration of the private hospitals and diagnostic centres located in their jurisdiction.

Central Drug Authority

2114. SHRI UDAY PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the proposal to set up an independent Central Drug Authority has again been mooted;

(b) if so, what will be the terms of references of the Authority; and

(c) who will head the said Authority, a technocrat or bureaucrat?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (c) A Committee was set up under the Chairmanship of Dr. R.A. Mashelkar, Secretary and DG, CSIR, New Delhi for a comprehensive examination of drugs regulatory issues. The Committee has recommended the

strengthening of Central Drugs Standards Control Organization (CDSCO) under the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, which could be given the status of Central Drugs Administration (CDA) reporting directly to Ministry of Health and Family Welfare. A proposal for implementing this recommendation of the Mashelkar Committee, including finalizing the terms of reference of the proposed CDA is under active consideration.

Amount spent on Health Scheme

2115. SHRI LALITBHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the amount spent on health and Family Welfare by States, Union Territories and the Central Government from 2000-01 to 2004-05 and its percentage of the respective budgets of those States, Union Territories and the Central Government;

(b) the Centrally sponsored schemes and central schemes in force for States, N.G.Os and individual;

(c) whether it is a fact that looking to the budgetary allocations made and the actual expenditure done, there is wide gap during last five years; and

(d) if so, what steps are being taken to remedy the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Siphoning off of medicines for CGHS dispensary

2116. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that medicines worth crores of rupees are siphoned off with the connivance of doctors posted at CGHS, centre, Parliament House Annexe, New Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any CBI enquiry is being conducted in this regard and the action being taken against the doctors found involved in this case; and